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AIR FREIGHT UP 14.6% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 25--Air freight increased 14.6 percent in April, compared to April a year ago, and was up 19.3 percent in the first four months of this year for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in April rose 13.5 percent. Mail declined 1.2 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 9.9 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in April was up 15.9 percent. Mail declined 3.5 percent, and total cargo rose 13.8 percent.

In the first four months of this year, domestic air freight had a gain of 16.3 percent. Mail increased 4.1 percent, and total cargo rose 13.3 percent.

International freight during the first four months increased 22.7 percent. Mail was up 3.1 percent, and total cargo rose 20.6 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
APRIL	1988	388,233	108,762	496,995	347,032	34,951	381,983	735,265	878,978
APRIL	1987	342,055	110,065	452,120	299,451	36,211	335,662	641,506	787,782
PERCENT CHANGE		13.5	(1.2)	9.9	15.9	(3.5)	13.8	14.6	11.6
4 MONTHS	1988	1,505,567	437,381	1,942,948	1,337,673	138,196	1,475,869	2,843,240	3,418,817
4 MONTHS	1987	1,294,036	420,110	1,714,146	1,089,867	134,077	1,223,944	2,383,903	2,938,090
PERCENT CHANGE		16.3	4.1	13.3	22.7	3.1	20.6	19.3	16.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.